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1. The South China Finance and Economic Commission, Canton, is under the Central and South China Finance and Economic Commission in Hankow. Its offices are on the former premises of the Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation at Shameen in Canton, and the commission chairman is I Hsiu-hsiang (2496/4423/3276).<sup>1</sup>
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3. All purchases and allocations of food and essential materials in Kwangtung and Kwangsi are recorded in the secretariat files, including daily figures for rice issued to each of the following categories: public security units, local militia, regular troops, and government and party officials. The daily ration per person is one and one-half catties.<sup>2</sup> Only the separate bulk issues to each of the above four categories in each hsien city of the two provinces are given by the military authorities; there is no further breakdown in the allocation figures.

1.  Comment. I Hsiu-hsiang was reported in March 1950, and again in December 1951, as director of the Finance Department of the Kwangtung Government.

2.  Comment. Probably an average estimate.

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